GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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PROVIDING SAFE DRINKING WATER IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals of providing Rs.503 crore were received by the Union Government from 53 municipalities of Andhra Pradesh for providing safe drinking water;

(b) if so, the details of proposals cleared so far; and

(c) the other steps being taken by the Union Government to provide safe drinking water to the people of the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. As informed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, 53 water suply schemes of municipalities at an estimated cost of Rs.505.01 crores have been taken up for execution by the State Government under different programmes, namely, State Government grant, Municipal contribution, loans from Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) and Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO).

(c): Since water supply is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government and urban local bodies to take necessary steps to provide safe drinking water to the people living in urban areas. The Ministry of Urban Development &Poverty Alleviation is supplementing the efforts of the State Government through policy formulation, technical guidance/clearance of schemes by the Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) and Human Resource Development.Under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for towns of less than 20,000 population as per 1991 census, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested by the Ministry to submit schemes for eligible towns.